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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (previously amended): A camera having a main body with a battery chamber which is loaded a battery for driving a taking mechanism, said camera comprising:

a cover for covering a part of said main body at least, said cover having conductivity;

first and second battery contact members provided in said battery chamber, said first and second battery contact members coming in contact with a negative pole and a positive pole of said battery; and

an elastic arm formed in said first battery contact member, said arm being arranged to make contact with an inner wall of said cover.

Claim 2 (original): A camera as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first battery contact member contacts with said negative pole, while said second battery contact member contacts with said positive pole.

Claim 3 (original): A camera as claimed in claim 2, wherein said first battery contact member is made out of thin metal plate.

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Claim 4 (original): A camera as claimed in claim 3, wherein said arm extends to an attachment direction when said cover is attached to said main body.

Claim 5 (original): A camera as claimed in claim 4, wherein said arm includes a first bending part formed on its way, said arm being inclined to said cover by said first bending part.

Claim 6 (previously amended): A camera as claimed in claim 5, wherein said arm has a second bending part formed between a tip of said arm and said first bending part, said second bending part being contacted with an inner wall of said cover, said tip of said arm being directed away from the front cover by the second bending part for preventing said tip from conflicting with said inner wall of said front cover.

Claim 7 (original): A camera as claimed in claim 6, wherein said battery chamber is mounted on said main body.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A camera as claimed in claim 7, wherein said battery chamber is partly arcuate in cross-section, with its rear open and both sides closed, said both sides having said first battery contact member and said second battery contact member being disposed at respective said sides.

Claim 9 (previously added): A camera having a main body with a battery chamber, said camera comprising:

an electrically conductive cover arranged to cover a part of said main body;

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separate first and second battery contact members provided in said battery chamber, said first and second battery contact members being arranged so that when a battery is inserted into the battery chamber, said first and second battery contact members are in electrical contact with a negative pole and a positive pole of said battery, respectively; and

wherein the first battery contact member comprises an elastic arm extending away therefrom, said arm being arranged to make electrical contact with an inner wall of the electrically conductive cover.

Claim 10 (previously added): The camera of claim 9, wherein the arm is divided into three segments by first and second bending parts.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The camera of claim 10, wherein the first bending part is nearer a contact point between the first battery contact member and the battery chamber than is the second bending part, and wherein the second bending part is arranged to make the electrical contact with the inner wall of the electrically conductive cover.